



BALDOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the
year

1967

Baldock Urban District Council,
Council Offices,
High Street,
Baldock.
Herts.
(Telephone: Baldock 3221/4)

BALDOCK
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEMBERS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1967

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL:

B. Sykes. J.P.

CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:

R. F. Stamford

COUNCILLORS:

J. H. Barton

Dr. N. Burgess

Mrs. A. Clowes

G. A. York

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

J.D. HALL, M.R.C.S.(Eng.) L.R.C.P.(Lond.) D.P.H.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:

B.G. WILLIS, M.A.P.H.I.

P R E F A C E

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Baldock.

To The Chairman and Members of
Baldock Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The population showed a natural increase of nineteen and an overall increase of ten according to the Registrar General's estimate of the resident population for mid-1967.

There were no maternal deaths in the district during the year.

Two deaths were recorded in children under one year of age from a total of one hundred and sixty seven live births. Both deaths were of premature infants.

The infant mortality rate (deaths under one year of age per thousand live births) was 23.0, rather more than for the rest of the County, but is not statistically significant.

The perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week per thousand live and stillbirths) was 11.5, lower than that for the rest of Hertfordshire (22.3) and England and Wales (25.4).

The corrected birth rate was 15.5, lower than that for the remainder of Hertfordshire (15.5). The corrected death rate was 13.5, higher than that for the remainder of Hertfordshire (10.0).

The total deaths were sixty eight, of which twenty two were due to diseases of the heart and blood vessels, seventeen to cancer of varying sites, ten to vascular lesions of the nervous system, and five due to diseases of the respiratory system. These correspond to rates on the whole slightly higher than the remainder of the division and Hertfordshire, but calculated on such small numbers no significant deductions can be made from such small numbers of deaths.

No deaths occurred from tuberculosis or from infective or parasitic diseases.

Two deaths occurred from car accidents and two from other types of accidents. One death from suicide.

There were seven illegitimate births with no deaths.

I wish to record my thanks to Mr. Willis, Chief Public Health Inspector, for his work and co-operation during the year. In this short preface it is not possible to mention all those members of the medical and administrative staffs, both of your district and of the County Council, whose efforts I have so greatly appreciated. My thanks are particularly due to the staff of the Divisional Health Office who have made the preparation of this report possible.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. D. HALL,

Medical Officer of Health.

Divisional Health Office,
Bedford Road,
HITCHIN, Hertfordshire.

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BALDOCK VITAL STATISTICS 1967

LIVE BIRTHS:

	Males	Females	TOTAL
Total	45	42	87
Legitimate	43	37	80
Illegitimate	2	5	7
Live Birth Rate (uncorrected) per 1,000 population	-	-	12.8.
Live Birth Rate (corrected) per 1,000 population	-	-	13.5.
Illegitimate live births percentage of total live births.. .. .	-	-	8.0.

STILL-BIRTHS:

Total	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 live and still-births	-	-	0.00.
Total live and still-births	45	42	87

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE:

Total	1	1	2
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	-	-	23.0.
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 live births	-	-	25.0.
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	-	0.00.
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	-	-	23.0.
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	-	-	11.5.
Perinatal mortality rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)	-	-	11.5.

MATERNAL MORTALITY, INCLUDING ABORTION:

Number of deaths	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	-	-	-

TOTAL DEATHS:

Death Rate (uncorrected)	-	-	10.0.
Death Rate (corrected)	-	-	13.5.
Natural increase of population	-	-	19
Overall increase of population	-	-	10

General Register Office, Somerset House, Strand, London W.C.2.

Population: 6,820

ICD No.	CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex		Total all Ages	Under 4 Weeks		4 Weeks and under 1 year		AGE IN YEARS										75 & over																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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	District 1967 Baldock	North Hertford Division	Hertford- shire	England and Wales
Population	6,820	150,780	881,870	48,390,800
Live Births (Crude)	12.8	18.4	16.5	17.2
Live Births (Corrected)	13.5		15.5	
Death Rate - All causes Crude ..	10.0	8.00	8.9	11.2
Death Rate - All causes Corrected	13.5		10.0	
Infective and Parasitic Diseases - excluding Tuberculosis, but including Syphilis and other V.D.	0.00	0.03	0.03	-
Tuberculosis:				
Respiratory	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.04
Other Forms	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
All Forms	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.04
Cancer:				
Lung and Bronchus	0.29	0.41	0.46	0.58
Other	2.19	1.45	1.38	1.68
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System ..	1.5	1.2	1.27	-
Heart and Circulatory Diseases ..	3.2	2.8	3.05	-
Respiratory Diseases	0.73	0.4	1.10	-
Maternal Mortality	0.00	0.35	0.13	0.16
Infantile Mortality	23.0	13.2	14.0	18.3
Neonatal Mortality	23.0	10.7	10.23	12.5
Early Neonatal Mortality	11.4	8.2	8.92	10.8
Perinatal Mortality	11.5	16.7	22.27	25.4
Stillbirths	0.00	8.9	12.46	14.8

S E C T I O N "A"

N A T U R A L A N D S O C I A L C O N D I T I O N S

O F T H E A R E A

(a) GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	..	..	..	..	..	..	542
Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population Mid-1967	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,820
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December, 1967	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,979
Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	..	..	£349,559
Net product of 1d. rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	£9,678

(b) PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The Registrar General's estimate of resident population for 1967 showed an overall increase of ten. The natural increase being nineteen.

S E C T I O N "B"

The general health services of the district are provided by the Hertfordshire County Council. Details are available in the Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

SECTION C SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(1) Water Supply

Sampling from the pumping stations supplying the town have shown that the Lee Valley Water Company have provided water of excellent quality and quantity. 101 bacteriological and 9 chemical samples taken during the year were all reported as conforming to the standards of purity suitable for public supply.

Direct piped supply is provided to all premises in the district, and there is no evidence of plumbo-solvency. The average fluoride content is less than 0.02 parts per million.

(2) Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The town is served by a main sewerage system, into which all but three premises are connected, two of which have septic tanks and the other a cesspool.

No new sewer was laid during the year

A survey was conducted by a firm of consulting engineers into the state of the foul and surface water sewers, the outcome of which is awaited

(3) Public Cleansing

It has again been possible to maintain the weekly collection of refuse, and there have been no cases of refuse being dumped to cause a nuisance. Some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the necessary staff for the refuse collection vehicle.

(4) Swimming Pool

Local school-children continue to find this privately-owned pool of great benefit, and regular sampling continues to show that the chlorination treatment of the water has been satisfactory.

(5) Paddling Pool

Regular weekly treatment of the water in this well-patronised amenity has kept the pool continually available for use during the summer months.

(6) Rodent and Pest Control

Our contractors have given excellent service during the year, and all work has been carried out very expeditiously.

The following work was carried out:-

Rat and mice infestations found	219
Total treatments carried out	260
Total inspection made	403
Wasps nests destroyed	53
Other infestations treated	65

(7) Sanitary Inspection of the Area (other than dwellinghouses and food premises)

(a) Number of inspections carried out under the Factories Act	21
(b) Number of inspections carried out in connection with drainage and sewerage	25
(c) Number of inspections carried out in connection with water supply and sampling	19
(d) Miscellaneous inspections	61
(e) Number of nuisances investigated and dealt with	33
(f) Number of investigations regarding infectious disease	5
(g) Petroleum Act inspections	47

(8) Factories and Workplaces

Routine inspections were made of 21 of the 30 factories, when minor contraventions which were found were dealt with informally.

(9) Air Pollution

Boiler house chimneys have been observed for contraventions of the Clean Air Act, 1956, and some minor emissions of dark smoke have been found, which have been rectified after an informal approach and advice has been given. There are three oil-fired boilers in the area

(10) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The following work was carried out during the year for the implementation of the provisions of the Act in the 73 registered premises.

Total number of visits	45
Number of general inspections	6
Number of contraventions found	24
Number of accidents investigated	Nil

SECTION D HOUSING

On the 31st December 1967 the number of applications on the Council's waiting list for housing accommodation was 166, being a decrease of 4 over the previous year's total of 170.

During 1967, 50 applications were registered, 27 applicants housed and 27 applications cancelled.

The number of private dwellings provided by new construction during the year was 11.

Private housing development continued on the Hillcrest Estate and was commenced on the Wilderness Close Estate. Construction of Stage II of the Tene Estate for the Council was commenced at the latter end of the year. Buildings on the Brewery Site were demolished in preparation for the development of the area in the near future

No applications for Standard Grants were received

Caravans

The total number of caravans in the district at the end of 1967 was 95, which were all stationed on the approved sites at Limekiln Lane.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Houses in Multiple Occupation

No action was taken during the year to implement the Housing Regulations 1962.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year

(1) Number of dwelling houses inspected under the Housing and Public Health Acts	58
(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be unfit for human habitation	31
(3) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied by owners	26
(4) Number of dwelling houses the subject of closing or demolition orders	Nil
(5) Number of filthy or verminous houses	Nil

SECTION EINSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(1) In the absence of any special Clean Food Campaign, the opportunity has been taken at the time of routine inspections, to give advice and guidance to persons employed in food shops and food preparing premises, and co-operation has been forthcoming from the traders of Baldock in displaying posters emphasising the importance of hygiene in the home as well as in shops.

(2) The types of food premises subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations are as follows:

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number fitted to comply with</u>		<u>Number to which Reg. 19 applies</u>
		<u>Reg. 16</u>	<u>Reg. 19</u>	
Butchers	5	5	5	5
Cafes & Snack Bars	7	7	7	7
Bakers & Confectioners	4	4	4	4
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	3	3	3	3
Bakehouses	2	2	2	2
Canteens	2	2	2	2
Public Houses	16	16	7	7
Off-licences	2	2	1	1
Grocers & Provision Merchants	8	8	5	5

(3) Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955:

Storage and sale of ice-cream	17
Manufacture of meat products	4

(4) There are no slaughterhouses in the district.

(5) No food poisoning cases were reported during the year.

(6) There are seven registered dealers in milk.

(7) There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

Unsound Food

During the year, the following amounts of unsound food were surrendered for condemnation:

Tinned and fresh fish	23 lbs
Tinned fruit and vegetables	27 lbs
Cooked meat and meat products	36 lbs
Other foods	67 lbs
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Total	1 cwt 41 lbs
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FACORIES ACT, 1961

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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1967 FOR THE URBAN
DISTRICT OF BALDOCK IN THE COUNTY OF HERTFORDSHIRE

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities				
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	30	21		
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)				
Total	30	21		

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H M Inspector (4)	By H M Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)(a) Insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2		
(c) Not separate for sexes				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)				
Total	2	2		

OUTWORKERS

There were no notifications of outworkers being employed in the district.

SECTION "F"

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIONS AND OTHER DISEASES

Infectious Diseases (Corrected) BALDOCK Age Distribution

Diseases	Total Cases Notified	Cases After Correction	Under 1 year	1 -	2 -	3 -	4 -	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 and Over	Age Unknown.
Whooping Cough	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Measles	97	1	2	29	13	19	14	19	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dysentery	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTALS	102	1	2	29	15	19	14	21	1	1	1	1	1	1

TUBERCOLOSIS

No. on Register at 31st December, 1967

				Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	..	..	..	24	13	37
Non-Pulmonary	..	..	..	3	3	6
				27	16	43

No. Removed from Register during 1967

					Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
					M	F	Total
Deaths	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
Other(cured, re-diagnosed transfers of area etc.)					2	-	2
					3	-	3

Additions to Register during 1967

					Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
					M	F	Total
New Notifications			-	1	1
Other(cases restored to Register, transfers etc)	..				-	-	-
					-	1	1

New Notifications

					Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
					M	F	Total
Age Groups:							
5 - 9		-	-	-
10 - 14		-	-	-
15 - 19		-	-	-
20 - 24		-	-	-
25 - 34		-	-	-
35 - 44				
45 - 54		-	-	-
55 - 64		-	1	1
65 - 74		-	-	-
					-	1	-

